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**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
SUPERFUND DIVISION
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NMED AND NMENRD SUBMIT WORK PLAN AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS USING TRONOX SETTLEMENT FUNDING IN NM:

Review and comment on proposals, work plans and budgets relating to management assistance activity to support EPA's lead on investigation and remediation of Uranium mines in the State of New Mexico has begun. Region 6 comments on these document proposals were due back to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and New Mexico Environmental and Natural Resource Division (NMENRD) no later than April 24, 2015. The potentially responsible party (Tronox) settlement funds, previously awarded to Region 9 will be used to fund the management assistance activities. Region 6 recently received approximately \$4,000,000 from the Region 9 settlement funds. (Talton x7205)

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL BROWNFIELDS REPORT: Brownfields Section has been working with the Region 4 Brownfields Section to prepare a response to the OIG's findings regarding the Ready for Anticipated Use designation as well as the Spectral Imaging. A lot of discussion and response drafting has gone back and forth between Regions 4 and 6. A conference call was conducted with the IG on Monday that resulted in the IG providing an alternative IG report. Both Regions 4 and 6 are accepting these changes and currently revising the Regional response for Regional Administrators approval. Regional response is due to the Inspector General on Monday, April 27. (Talton x7205)

PROCUREMENT/PURCHASE CARD PROCEDURES: Brownfield Section met with part of the procurement team to learn procedures to hopefully smooth the process for purchasing booth space and paying conference registrations with some of the \$35,000 which was provided by Office of Brownfields Land Revitalization (OBLR) to the Regions for National Brownfields Conference planning. Brownfield Section will be coordinating several items and projects with many people over the next few months as part of the planning process. (Talton x7205)

REMEDIAL ACQUISITION FRAMEWORK DRAFT TRANSITION PLAN: Contracts Section is currently drafting the RAF and will be submitting comments to Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) by the end of the week. (Talton x7205)

QUAPAW TRIBE TO BEGIN WORK ON TAR CREEK BEAVER CREEK NORTH PROPERTY: The Quapaw Tribe has submitted all documents required for Remedial Action activity at the Beaver Creek North Superfund Site on Tribal land in Oklahoma. The Tribe was initially awarded \$300,000 to perform all administrative duties required before actual remediation activities began. Those administrative duties have been completed and the Tribe is expected to begin remediation within the next week. (Talton x7205)



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WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT (EP-S6-11-02) - RRG SERVICES INC.:

Contracting Officer and Project Officer completed an unannounced Warehouse site visit on Tuesday, April 21 to check on Contractor compliance with contract requirements. Contractor was on site, warehouse appeared in order and the contractor appeared to be meeting requirements with no contract performance issues noted. (Talton x7205)

EJ TRAINING WORKSHOP: Brownfields staff are working to finalize discussions, speaking points and Power Point for the upcoming EJ Training Workshop – Arkansas scheduled to be held June 16-18, 2015, at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, Downtown Conference Center, 617 South Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The Superfund Division Director will use the speaking points and Power Point presentation to provide an update on Arkansas Superfund activities, public engagement and status of sites and cleanups in the state. (Talton x7205).

UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION SITE, GALLUP, NEW MEXICO: The Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent has been jointly signed by EPA Regions 6 and 9. The Region 6 Surface Soil Operable Unit will remove mine waste from the Region 9 Northeast Church Rock Mine Site and place the mine waste onto the top of the existing tailing pile on Region 6's United Nuclear Corporation Mill Site. Respondents have agreed to pay EPA's unpaid Past Response Costs at both the Region 9 Mine Site (\$1,585,175.76) and the Region 6 Mill Site (\$5,485,522.83). The Respondents will also pay EPA's Future Response Costs through their submission of the EPA-approved Design to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as part of a License Amendment Request package. (Meyer, x6742)

TAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE (OPERABLE UNIT 4): The EPA met with representatives from the Quapaw Tribe Environmental Office and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) during the week of April 20 to continue planning the State- and Tribal-Lead remedial actions to be conducted through cooperative agreements with the EPA. These representatives also participated in a demonstration, led by Headquarters' Emergency Response Team, of a cone penetrometer and x-ray fluorescence units at several locations throughout the Site. The EPA and ODEQ also met with several landowners (Greg Evans and Ed Witte), to discuss the work to be performed on their properties, and with the county commissioner, to discuss the issue of road repairs. (Meyer, x6742)

EAST 67th STREET REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE: A post-injection ground water sampling event was completed the week of April 20, 2015, for the Phase I bioremediation project. The in-situ ground water treatment area includes six injection wells and 5 observation wells. The ground water data will be compared with the pre-injection ground water data to evaluate the progress of the in-situ treatment in reducing tetrachloroethene concentrations in the plume core. Sampling events will be conducted every 30 days for the first 6 months following the initial injection event. (Meyer, x6742)

SANDY BEACH REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE: Water supply well installation activities continued last week with well development, pump installation, electrical wiring installation, and surface pads and well houses for individual water supply wells. Also, the soil vapor extraction (SVE) piping, electrical, and compound construction will begin May 11, 2015, and is scheduled for completion by July 11, 2015. The SVE treatment unit is currently being fabricated with a July 2, 2015, delivery date at the site.

Well installation activities will continue this week with installation of the electrical wiring, surface pads and well houses for individual water supply wells. (Meyer, x6742)

TRONOX – NEW MEXICO AGENCIES TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT

ASSISTANCE SUPPORT: The Region received budget proposals from the New Mexico Environmental Department and New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division to provide management assistance to support the Region 6 Tronox activities identified in the *Approval and Annual Funding Projections for Implementation of Tronox Settlement Memo* dated March 31, 2015. The Project Team is reviewing the proposals. Region 6 activities for this year include removal assessments for Section 35 and 36 Mine sites and continuation of the ground water assessment in the San Mateo Creek Basin Watershed. (Banipal, x7324)

CAMP MINDEN/EXPLO SYSTEMS, INC. (OU3-QASP RELATED) / MINDEN, LA:

During the week ending April 18, 2015, an Educational Workshop on Air Sampling and Monitoring for Baseline Characterization was held at the LA Wildlife and Fisheries facility just east of Camp Minden. A Preparedness and Response Workshop was held April 23, 2015. Public comments were received on the Baseline Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP), and once the QASP is finalized, it will be implemented in early May. (Crossland, x2721)

CHEMICAL RECYCLING, WYLIE, COLIN COUNTY, TEXAS: The Directive letter to the Potential Responsible Party (PRP) Steering Committee was mailed out last week via registered mail. EPA plans to initiate formal discussions with the PRP Group on April 30, 2015. The Action Memo is signed and ready in the event that the PRP Group does not agree to initiate the removal action. Superfund will coordinate a site visit with Ron Curry the week of May 4. (Crossland, x2721)

ON-SCENE COORDINATOR (OSC) WARRANT AUTHORITY COURSE: An EPA R6 OSC taught the Warrant Course in DC. This training provides contract fundamentals, teaches project management skills, and the authorities and responsibilities of the OSC's delegated procurement authority. The R6 OSC joined with Contracting Officers from the Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) to teach the weeklong course. Successful students will be eligible to be nominated for their warrant. (Crossland, x2721)

SE 29TH STREET GROUNDWATER, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA COUNTY, TX: The residential waterline from the city water main was installed and the city inspection is pending. EPA will follow up with the homeowner to ensure service is operating as expected. (Crossland, x2721)

IT FORUM/DATA TEAM ACTIVITIES: EPA staff participated in several conference calls regarding Mobile Application Management for Agency Smartphone/Tablet devices as the Emergency Response representative. The Group discussed how different users groups across the Agency have different needs when it comes to Mobile Application Management. The Group discussed the need to develop a process that fits these user needs to request application installment on Agency devices. Staff helped conduct VIPER training for On-scene Coordinators (OSCs) and START personnel at the Addison Training and Conference facility. Staff completed the RMP mapping application that will help address inspection targeting for preparedness section of the Removal branch. This tool will also help the Emergency Responders gain valuable information that is oftentimes stored in disparate systems on RMP

facilities. The next step is to incorporate Facility Response Plan (FRP) facilities into this mapping application. **(Crossland, x2721)**

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (ACP), HOUMA, LA:

On April 22, 2015, EPA participated in the Southeast Louisiana Area Contingency Planning (ACP) meeting in Houma, LA. The Southeast Louisiana Area Committee is under the direction of MSU Morgan City, and participants from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), EPA, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office (LOSCO), Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), area Industry and Response Organizations, as well as other stakeholders will participate. Topics on the Agenda included recent Spill and Exercise Case studies, Louisiana Barrier Island Restoration, BSEE's role in an Incident and GRP updates. **(Crossland x2721)**

MEETING WITH LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(LDNR), BATON ROUGE, LA: EPA met with LDNR, Oilfield Site Restoration group in Baton Rouge, LA on April 23, 2015, to discuss referrals of potential oil removal sites. The meeting focused on known Orphaned Production sites in Louisiana and EPA's threat criteria for initiating an Oil Pollution Act (OPA) Removal Action for these sites. **(Crossland x2721)**

TULANE INCIDENT, COVINGTON, LOUISIANA: Participated on a conference call with USDA, CDC, Tulane and others to discuss "Soil Samples related to Wildlife" on Thursday, April 16. Tulane stated that they have reached an understanding with an international expert on *Burkholderia pseudomallei* to conduct environmental sampling at their research facility in Covington, LA. The expert works at the Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. Currently, they have planned to conduct soil sampling in and around the two possibly contaminated field cages around the end of the month. They plan to take samples at 300 locations and two samples per location, one sample at 10 cm and one sample at 30 cm. Also, they will develop a Sampling Plan to compliment the wildlife sentinel studies in case a positive result occurs. Another national expert on *Burkholderia* from the University of Colorado will also assist in the efforts. **(Crossland, x2721)**

REGION 6 DECONTAMINATION TABLETOP EXERCISE, ADDISON, TX: On April 21-22, several of the Region 6 On-Scene Coordinators participated with the Water Quality staff in conducting the water and waste water decontamination table top exercise with Office of Water. Emergency Response staff from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and local Texas Department of Health staff also participated. **(Crossland, x2721)**

FOSS DAM & RESERVOIR EMERGENCY ACTION PLAM (EAP) TABLETOP

EXERCISE, FOSS DAM AND RESERVOIR, WASHITA BASIN PROJECT, OK: A Region 6 On-Scene Coordinator participated in the Bureau of Reclamation's Foss Dam and Reservoir Tabletop exercise. The exercise scenarios included: security, hazardous spills, and flooding, earthquake, and dam failure scenarios. **(Crossland, x2721)**

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE, CHANNELVIEW, TX: On April 30, 2015, EPA staff will host a community Open House for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of State Health Services, Harris County, and others at the Martin L. Flukinger Community Center in Channelview, Texas. This informal meeting is to update the community on the EPA's remediation process, ongoing studies, and next steps for the site located on the west bank of the San Jacinto River at the I-10 Bridge. **(Meyer, x6742)**

EXXON OIL SPILL CONSENT DECREE FILED, MAYFLOWER, AR: Two subsidiaries of Exxon Mobil have agreed to pay almost \$5 million in government penalties and to take corrective and precautionary actions as a result of the oil spill in Mayflower in 2013. The penalties and other requirements are part of a proposed consent decree which was filed in U.S. District Court in Little Rock on April 22. The state and federal governments' agreement with Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. and Mobil Pipe Line Co. is subject to a federal judge's approval after a 30-day comment period takes place. (Crossland x2721)

GRANTS MINERAL BELT REMOVALS, CIBOLA/McKINLEY COUNTY, NM - CROSSROADS RADIOLOGICAL SITE, NEAR SAN MATEO, NM: Backfilling and excavation is ongoing at the last property on this site. There has been no press coverage and community interest has been isolated to the residents associated with the Site. (Crossland, x2721)

EPA TO ATTEND TECHNICAL WORK GROUP MEETING: EPA will attend the 16th meeting of the Technical Work Group (TWG) on April 28-30, 2015, in Taos, New Mexico. The TWG, which was formed by Chevron Mining Inc. in 2012, will continue their discussion of remedial design options for the interior waste rock piles at the Chevron Questa Superfund Site. Representatives from the New Mexico Environment Department and the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department will also participate in the TWG meeting.
(Meyer, x6742)

SBA SHIPYARDS, JENNINGS, LA: EPA received a signed access agreement from the property owner on April 17. An OPA removal action to address the barge is scheduled for early May. (Crossland, x2721)

EBOLA DECONTAMINATION TRAINING AND EXERCISE: This training/exercise is proposed to take place June 8-10 at the training facility in Addison. The training will consist of both classroom with visiting speakers and field exercises in the mornings. Participants will be mainly Region 6 OSCs but OSCs from other Regions will also attend. Representatives from several state environmental agencies will be in attendance. (Crossland, x2721)

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